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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2353 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hastings:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to ensure the full disclosure of sponsors of political advertisements. Your views are very important, and I appreciate your sharing them with me.

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The Honorable Denny Heck  
U.S. House of Representatives  
425 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2459 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1227 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2262 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1713 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2431 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2411 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2367 Rayburn House Office Building  
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2444 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2329 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1211 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1421 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
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2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
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